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WISCONSIN COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS
Fall 1959**

Introduction

Fall enrollments in Wisconsin colleges and universities totaled 62,524.*** Of this number 54,883, roughly 88 percent are undergraduates, 7,641 graduate and professional students. Registration at public colleges and universities totaled 42,649 or 68.3 percent of the gross enrollment.

The vast majority of college students, 92 percent, are enrolled in degree granting institutions. The University of Wisconsin has 18,167 day students on its Madison campus and 5,369 on the Milwaukee campus. The State Colleges have 14,340 students. The 16 private liberal arts colleges enrolled 8,603 students, Marquette University 7,488, the 3 teacher education institutions 887, the 4 technical and professional schools 1,844, and the 9 seminaries 775. Only 5,032 are found in two-year collegiate institutions; 1,956 in the 8 University of Wisconsin Extension Centers, 1,338 in the 22 County Teachers Colleges and 1,479 in the Milwaukee Institute of Technology. The 3 private junior colleges enrolled 259. The University of Wisconsin Regents are responsible for the education of 25,492 students, the State College Regents for 14,340.

* The 1958 enrollment report may be found in "Supplement I" to Research Study IA of the Joint Staff.

** Enrollment data for the State Colleges is from the "Enrollment Report for Semester I, 1959-1960," Board of Regents of State Colleges. All others are from the annual report of L. J. Lins to the Wisconsin Association of Collegiate Registrars.

*** The Wisconsin enrollment studies do not include evening and extension students. The U.S. Office of Education in its statistical studies of enrollment includes extension and evening classes taken for credit. For this reason, the Washington enrollment data is usually higher than reported in these studies.

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The 62,524 day students of all classifications is 2,294 greater than the previous year, and represents an increase of 3.8 percent. This is approximately one-half the increase (8.0 percent) registered a year ago, but is very close to the national average for 1959 which the United States Office of Education estimates to be 4.4 percent.*

The public degree-granting colleges have experienced an increase of 4.3 percent (5.8 percent in Madison, 3.4 percent in Milwaukee and 3.7 percent in the State Colleges) and the private colleges have increased 1.6 percent (1.7 percent in the liberal arts degree granting, 21.8 percent in the teacher education institutions, and a decrease of 7.1 percent in the technical and professional degree granting). At the two-year level, the increase is less than one percent. The University Extension Centers achieved a 14.3 percent increase.**

The 1959 enrollment is equivalent to 32.9 percent of the estimated college-age population of Wisconsin, and represents an increase of .6 percent over 1958.*** If the estimate of the number of college-age youth in the state for 1970 is correct (293,265) and an enrollment increase of .6 percent is recorded yearly, Wisconsin will have 105,839 college students enrolled in that year. If the present rate continues and no increase is recorded, enrollments will reach 96,484.

In evaluating the above projections it is well to remember that Wisconsin colleges have 22,619 more students than they had in 1951 at the time of the Korean

* November 12, 1959 letter to college registrars, Office of Education.

** For enrollments of individual institutions see Table IV, page 8.

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Year	Estimated College-age Population	Day Enrollments	Percent Day Enrollment is of College-age Population
1951	183,820	39,905	21.8
1957	184,427	55,744	30.2
1958	186,354	60,230	32.3
1959	189,615	62,524	32.9

War. The pattern of this increase may be of some value to educational planners. Table I, below, summarizes the increases.

Table I

Enrollment Increases 1951 to 1959

Colleges	1951 Undergraduate	1959	Increase
Degree-granting			
Univ. of Wis.-Madison	10,139	12,932	2,793
Univ. of Wis.-Milwaukee	2,931*	5,369	2,438
State Colleges	6,540	14,287	7,747
Priv. Col. & Univ.	12,577	17,263	4,686
Sub-Total	32,187	49,851	17,664
Two-Year			
Univ. of Wis.-Ext.	906	1,956	1,050
Co. Teachers Colleges	715	1,338	623
Inst. of Tech.-Milwaukee	106	1,479	1,373
Priv. Jr. Colleges	46	259	213
Sub-Total	1,773	5,032	3,259
Graduate and Professional			
Univ. of Wis.	3,909	5,235	1,326
Private	2,036	2,353	317
Others		53	53
Sub-Total	5,945	7,641	1,696
Grand Total	39,905	62,524	22,619

The trend for enrollment to grow more rapidly in public than in private institutions was continued in 1959. In 1951, public institutions enrolled 63.5 percent of the total. Six years later, in 1957, it was 66.1 percent, last year 67.5 percent and this year 68.3 percent. In part this is due to enrollment increases in the two-year public institutions and the public graduate schools. However, undergraduate enrollment in private institutions has not kept pace with public institutions, showing a 37 percent increase since 1951, compared to 66 percent for public colleges.

* State College and Extension combined.

New Freshman Enrollment

New freshman students, those without previous college experience, total 17,059. The increase over the previous year is 729, or 4.4 percent, and slightly under the estimated national average of 5.9 percent. The 1958 increase had been 11.1 percent. In both years, the increase in new students was confined chiefly to public colleges. However, in 1959, the Madison campus and the Centers of the University accounted for most of the gains. Table II summarizes the past three years.

Table II

New Freshman Enrollment
1957, 1958, 1959

Institution	New Freshman 1957	New Freshman 1958	New Freshman 1959	Increase 1957-58	Increase 1958-59
Degree-Granting					
Public					
Univ. of Wis.	2,583	2,824	3,325	241	501
Univ. of Wis., Milw.	1,400	1,602	1,591	202	(-) 11
State Colleges	4,001	4,560	4,634	559	74
Private					
Lib. Arts Colleges	2,456	2,528	2,566	72	38
Universities	1,503	1,508	1,406	5	(-)102
Teacher Education	194	234	308	40	74
Tech. & Prof.	499	403	427	(-) 96	24
Theological	119	136	147	17	11
Two-Year					
Public					
Univ. of Wis., Ext.	831	996	1,133	165	137
Co. Teachers Colleges	559	785	688	226	(-) 97
Inst. of Tech., Milw.	460	648	695	188	47
Private					
Junior Colleges	101	106	139	5	33
Total	14,706	16,330	17,059	1,624	729

Undergraduate Enrollment

Total undergraduate enrollment (54,883) is 3.3 percent greater than a year ago. Numerically the increase is 1,792. A year ago it was 3,393. The public colleges have 1,612 more undergraduates than in 1958, the private colleges 180. Gains were

recorded chiefly by the University and the State Colleges. The increase on the Madison campus was 621, at Milwaukee 178 and the Centers 245. The nine State Colleges reported 456 additional students. The 16 private liberal arts colleges reported undergraduate enrollment increases of 299, the 3 private teacher education colleges 159 and the junior colleges 28. These gains were offset to some degree by losses at Marquette University of 159 and at the 3 private technical and professional schools of 145.

Undergraduate day students registered in public colleges (37,361) is 68 percent of the state total. There are 12,932 on the Madison campus, 5,369 in Milwaukee and 14,287 at the State Colleges. Marquette University, with an undergraduate student body of 5,576, accounts for almost one-third of the private college enrollment. Another 50 percent (8,603) are enrolled in the 16 liberal arts colleges. The remaining 18 percent are found in the 3 teacher education institutions (887), the 3 technical and professional colleges (1,767) and the 8 seminaries (430). The total undergraduate registrations in private degree granting institutions is 17,263. As indicated previously, enrollment in two-year programs is 5,032. The 8 University Extension Centers account for 1,956, the 22 County Teachers Colleges for 1,338, and the Milwaukee Institute of Technology for 1,479. The three private junior colleges enrolled 259.

Though the enrollment of undergraduate men is greater than undergraduate women, 32,508 to 22,375, the increase for 1959 was in favor of women, 1,323 to 467. A year ago the increases were about evenly divided. Again, it was the public institutions that experienced the major portion of the increase in women undergraduates. The private colleges gain was 378. The University of Wisconsin accounted for 837 of the 945 increase of women students at public institutions. The Madison campus registered 567 more undergraduate students in 1959 than in 1958, Milwaukee 114 and the Center 156.

Some students of higher education believe that the relationship between undergraduate enrollment and the number of college-age youth (18-21 years of age) provides a better index for enrollment projections than the relationship between total enrollment and college-age youth. Using this method, the relationship of undergraduate to college-age youth in Wisconsin was 18.4 percent in 1951, 26.5 percent in 1957, 28.4 percent in 1958, and 28.9 percent this year.* Apparently, either method is applicable to Wisconsin, since the eight year increase in both illustrations is about 10 percent.**

Graduate and Professional Enrollments

There is a 10.7 percent increase in graduate students over a year ago. The public institutions, almost exclusively the University, enrolled 4,488, the private colleges and universities 953. The enrollment increase since 1951 in this category is 55 percent.

Enrollments in professional schools (law, dentistry, medicine) continue to decline. In 1959 they are 1.1 percent lower than a year ago, and 5 percent lower than in 1951. This year, 2,200 students are in attendance of whom 63.6 percent are registered in private institutions.

* Undergraduate enrollment as a percentage of estimated college youth population.

Year	Estimated College-age Population	Undergraduate Day Enrollment	Percent Enrollment is of College-age Population
1951	183,820	33,960	18.4
1957	184,427	49,698	26.5
1958	186,354	53,091	28.4
1959	189,615	54,883	28.9

** See footnote 3, page 2.

Table III

Graduate and Professional Enrollments

Graduate

	1951	1957	1958	1959
Public	2,939	3,320	4,065	4,488
Private	562	657	849	953
Total	3,501	3,977	4,914	5,441

Professional

Public	970	782	848	800
Private	1,118	1,036	1,025	1,055
Theology	356	251	352	345
Total	2,444	2,069	2,225	2,200

Summary

The 1959 college enrollments in Wisconsin have the following characteristics. The 62,524 registrations, 2,294 greater than 1958, establishes another all time high. The trend for enrollment to grow more rapidly in public than in private institutions continues. The increase of 729 new students is confined chiefly to the Centers and the Madison campus of the University. There appears to be a significant increase in the number of women attending college. Percentagewise, enrollment in graduate schools increases more rapidly than undergraduate enrollment. Conservative estimates indicate that by 1970, Wisconsin colleges must plan for at least 55 percent more students than are enrolled today.

Table IV

Wisconsin College Day Enrollments 1959
By Institutions

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Professional
University of Wisconsin			
Madison	12,932	4,435	800
Milwaukee	5,369		
Centers	1,956		
State Colleges			
Eau Claire	1,708		
LaCrosse	1,822		
Oshkosh	2,049		
Platteville	1,668		
River Falls	1,233		
Stevens Point	1,609		
Stout	1,240	53	
Superior	1,266		
Whitewater	1,692		
Technical			
Milwaukee Institute of Technology	1,479		
County Teachers Colleges			
Ashland	65		
Barron	67		
Buffalo	22		
Columbia	58		
Dodge	71		
Door-Kewaunee	50		
Green	63		
Juneau	35		
Langlade	67		
Lincoln	43		
Manitowoc	79		
Marinette	90		
Outagamie	42		
Polk	32		
Racine-Kenosha	121		
Richland	48		
Sauk	55		
Sheboygan	90		
Taylor	78		
Vernon	63		
Waushara	31		
Wood	68		
Private Liberal Arts Degree Granting			
Alverno	979		
Beloit	997	14	
Cardinal Stritch	352	4	
Carroll	767		

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Professional
Private Liberal Arts Degree Granting (Continued)			
Holy Family	215		
Lakeland	340	1	
Lawrence	916		
Marquette	5,576	857	1,055
Milton	340		
Milwaukee Downer	178		
Mount Mary	1,062		
Northland	362		
Northwestern	148		
Ripon	581		
St. Francis C.	51		
St. Norbert	974		
Viterbo	341		
Private Teacher Education Degree Granting			
Dominican	255		
Edgewood	417		
Marian	215		
Private Tech. & Prof. Degree Granting			
Inst. Paper Chem.		74	
Layton School Art	307		
Mil. School of Engineering	1,410		
Wis. Conservatory	50	3	
Private Theolog. Sem.			
Wis. Lutheran			64
Holy Cross	90		
Immaculate Conception	35		61
Mission House			28
Nashotah			56
Queen of Apostles	12		
St. Francis Sem.	228		136
St. Lawrence	45		
Salvatorian	20		
Private Junior Colleges			
Concordia	174		
Divine Savior	63		
Mater Dolorosa	22		

Table V

Wisconsin College Day Enrollments
1951, 1957, 1958, 1959

	Undergraduate							
	1951		1957		1958		1959	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Degree Granting								
Public								
Univ. of Wis.	6,610	3,529	8,058	4,098	8,020	4,291	8,074	4,858
Univ. of Wis., Mil.	1,796	1,135	3,067	1,668	3,427	1,764	3,491	1,878
State Colleges	3,710	2,830	7,712	4,529	8,699	5,132	8,979	5,308
Sub-Total	12,116	7,494	18,837	10,295	20,146	11,187	20,544	12,044
Private								
Liberal Arts	2,891	3,197	3,490	4,590	3,483	4,821	3,524	5,079
Universities	3,350	1,315	3,878	1,911	3,670	2,065	3,501	2,075
Teacher Education	7	407	46	581	63	665	87	800
Tech. & Prof.	992	129	1,872	116	1,781	131	1,661	106
Theological	289		262		432		430	
Sub-Total	7,529	5,048	9,548	7,198	9,429	7,682	9,203	8,060
Two-Year								
Public								
Univ. of Wis., Ext.	616	290	1,078	377	1,247	464	1,403	553
Co. Te. Col.	120	595	226	891	332	1,022	353	985
Inst. of Tech	75	31	493	536	717	634	831	648
Sub-Total	811	916	1,797	1,804	2,296	2,120	2,587	2,186
Private								
Junior Colleges		46	151	68	168	63	174	85
	20,456	13,504	30,333	19,365	32,039	21,052	32,508	22,375
Sub-Total	33,960		49,698		53,091		54,883	
	Graduate & Professional							
Public								
Graduate	2,939		3,320		4,065		4,488	
Professional	970		782		848		800	
Private								
Graduate	562		657		849		953	
Professional	1,118		1,036		1,025		1,055	
Theolog. Sem.	356		251		352		345	
Total Grad. & Prof.	5,945		6,046		7,139		7,641	
GRAND TOTAL	39,905		55,744		60,230		62,524	